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1. SOVIET,NORTH YEMENI AND IRAKI GOVERNMENTS HAVE
PROTESTED TO BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HOLDING OF SUBJECT
CONFERENCE IN BELGIM. IRAKI NOTE,DELIVERED TO BELGIAN
AMBASSADOR IN BAGHDAD AND PUBLICIZED IN BRUSSELS JANUARY 31
SAID: " IRAK CONSIDERS BELGIAN GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT TO PERMIT
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HOLDING OF CONFERENCE IN BELGIUM A HOSTILE ACT AGAINST ARAB

STATES AND ONE WHICH AFFECTS THE JUST PALESTINIAN CAUSE." IRAK IS REPORTED TO HAVE ASKED ITS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ARAB LEAGUE TO UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY CONTACTS TO ARRIVE AT A COORDINATED ARAB ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT NORTH YEMENI FOREIGN MINISTRY IS REPORTED TO HAVE CRITICIZED PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE " WHICH IS PREJUDICIAL TO USSR AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WHICH SUPPORT THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE." YEMENIS SUGGESTED OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES ALSO PROTEST HOLDING OF CONFERENCE TO BELGIAN GOVERNMENT.

2. BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY PRESS SPOKESMAN,,IN REPORTING PROTESTS,SAID " BELGIAN AUTHORITIES TRADITIONALLY PERMIT ALL TYPES OF PUBLIC OPINION TO BE HEARD AS LONG AS THDSE DO NOT AFFECT PUBLIC ORDER OR GOOD MORALS THUS THERE IS NO REASON TO PREVENT THIS CONFERENCE FROM BEING HELD UNDER THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF ITS ORGANIZERS AND THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT NEED TO FORM AN OPINION ON THE CONFERENCE WHICH HAS NO OFFICIAL NATURE. IT MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT OR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT HAVE AGREED TO BELONG TO THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE OF PATRONS, THEY DO SO AS A STRICTLY PERSONAL MATTERS." FIRSTONE

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